IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace the claims with the following full set of claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method for classification of a program comprising the steps of:

> receiving an audio/video signal corresponding to the program;

> determining transcript information associated with the program using the audio/video signal;

> identifying at least one cue in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the cues being associated with a type of program;

> correlating the at least one cue identified in the transcript information to the type of program;

> comparing the time of occurrence of two cues selected from the at least one identified cue and determining a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues,

>> wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the two selected cues are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and

>> wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues are utilized in connection with determining the program classification; and

> classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues

2. (Original)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

> receiving an audio/data/video signal which includes the transcript information.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

5. (Original)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.

6. (Previously presented) Apparatus for classification of a program, comprising:

a receiver to receive an audio/data/video signal corresponding to the program;

a transcript information extractor for extracting transcript information associated with the program from the audio/data/video input signal;

a cue extractor for identifying at least one cue in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the cues having associated therewith a type of program;

a knowledge database for correlating the at least one cue identified in the transcript information to the type of program;

a temporal database for comparing the time of occurrence of two selected cues of the at least one cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues,

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the two selected cues are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues are utilized in connection with determining the program classification; and

a classifier for classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original)   The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

9. (Original)   The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.